



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 7:15 a.m. EST (NOAA)

Agricultural Weather Highlights - Wednesday - June 6, 2001

- ***In the West***, hot conditions persist in ***southern California and the Southwest***, but mild weather favors small grain development in the ***Northwest***.
- ***On the Plains***, scattered showers in ***Montana*** continue to aid drought-stressed pastures, winter wheat, spring wheat, and barley. Warm, drier air is overspreading the ***central and southern Plains***, favoring crop development and a gradual return to fieldwork, including initial winter wheat harvesting.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, locally heavy showers in the ***Ohio Valley*** are erasing lingering soil moisture deficits, but further slowing final summer crop planting. In the ***northwestern Corn Belt***, cool weather is slowing corn and soybean emergence and development.
- ***In the South***, hot, mostly dry weather continues to stress pastures and unirrigated summer crops in the ***southern Atlantic region***. Meanwhile, tropical showers are causing localized flooding from ***eastern Texas to Mississippi***. At 4 a.m. CDT, Tropical Depression Allison was centered about 30 miles north of ***Houston, Texas***, moving northward near 6 m.p.h. Allison made landfall overnight near ***Galveston, Texas***, with maximum sustained winds near 60 m.p.h. in squalls primarily east of the center.

Outlook: The slow-moving remnants of Tropical Storm Allison are forecast to produce locally torrential rainfall for the remainder of the week in the ***western and central Gulf Coast regions***. Widespread showers are expected to continue elsewhere in the ***South***, but drier weather is forecast to overspread the ***Plains and Corn Belt***. Hot, dry weather is forecast to persist in ***southern California and the Southwest***. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for June 11-15 calls for wet weather from the ***Pacific Northwest to the northern Corn Belt***, but near- to below-normal rainfall elsewhere. Hot weather is forecast across the ***Plains and Southwest***, while below-normal temperatures are expected in ***northern California, the Northwest, and along most of the Atlantic Seaboard***.

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